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FROM LOW VIA SCHMIEL

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: PINT, PINS, RH
SUBJ: FORTY-SEVEN ZANU (SITHOLE) REPRESENTATIVES KILLED
BY ZANLA DURING "OFFICIAL MISSION"

1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES, SOMETIME IN EARLY JULY A ZANLA FORCE KILLED 47 ZANU (SITHOLE) SUPPORTERS AND FORMER GUERRILLAS SENT ON A MISSION TO PERSUADE ZANLA TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND SUPPORT INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. ZANLA DETACHMENT REPORTEDLY WELCOMED MISSION WARMLY, INVITING THEM INTO A CAMP WHERE THEY WERE TO SPEAK TO ASSEMBLED GUERRILLAS. HOWEVER, ONCE THEY WERE INSIDE, ZANLA LEADERS HAD THEIR HANDS TIED BEHIND THEIR BACKS AND ALL 47 WERE SHOT IN THE BACK.

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2. THIS IS THE THIRD SUCH INCIDENT IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. THE FIRST TWO, WHICH INVOLVED FEWER (4-5) CASUALTIES, WERE REPORTED IN THE PRESS. THE LATEST INCIDENT HAS NOT YET BEEN REPORTED, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF ITS POTENTIAL DEMORALIZING AFFECT.
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